

MARY E. BARTLETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY is seeking members to fill THREE open TRUSTEE ALTERNATE positions.

RSA 202-A:10 provides that every board of trustees may recommend to the appointing authority (select board, councilors, aldermen, mayor) the names of up to three people to serve as alternate members of the board when elected members are unable to attend a meeting. The alternates are appointed for a one-year term and have voting rights only when filling in for an absent trustee. As alternates only serve when a full board member is absent, they cannot be officers of the board because the full board may be present, in which case the alternate is not entitled to participate. Alternates are not required to attend every meeting, but it is good practice for them to attend all meetings so that they are familiar with the issues on which the board has been working.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Resident of the municipality the library serves (RSA 669:6) (RSA 655:2);
- New Hampshire registered voter (RSA 654:1) (RSA 654:7) (RSA 669:19); • Eighteen (18) years of age or older on the day of the next election (RSA 654:7);
- United States citizen (RSA 654:1,I) (RSA 655:1) (RSA91.2);
- Ability to devote the time and effort required by the duties of trusteeship;
- Knowledge of the services provided by the library and commitment to the library's role in the community;
- Understanding of the community's social, educational and political structure;
- Ability to collaborate with others, listen effectively and plan for the future;
- Participate with local, state and national government and library leaders to improve library service at all levels.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE

- Advocates for the library and library service in the community, state and nation;
- Actively participates in and contributes to the meetings and work of the board;
- Seeks training opportunities for enhancing the performance of trustee duties and responsibilities;
- Acts as a member of a board and assumes individually only those duties delegated by the board;
- Utilizes the library trustee manual and acquires full knowledge or awareness of local, state and federal laws pertaining to the governance of a public library;
- Participates in state and national library organizations;
- Supports all decisions reached by the board.

The Library Board of Trustees meet regularly on the second Monday of each calendar month.

Please complete a statement of interest by May 21, 2023. Completed forms should be returned to Karen Clement at kclement@brentwoodnh.gov.